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Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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	Ronald D. Hartman Jr.		2121	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 30 January 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: claims 1, 15 and 43-44.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kretschmann (US 6,167,464) and Elsbree (US 7,017,116).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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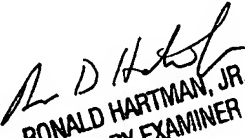
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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant reiterated that the applied art did not teach loading a specific type of HMI data based on the distance from the technical installation. The prior art teaches loading HMI data into a portable unit when the unit is within a distance of a machine; however, the prior art is silent with respect to the unit having different types of data loaded onto it, wherein the loading occurs in response to a distance from the machine (i.e. of a technical installation), wherein based on the distance, a different type of data is loaded. The prior art only teaches different data for different machines, the prior art does not teach different data for each machine, equipment or component of the technical installation. Therefore, the examiner concurs with the applicant that this feature is not taught by the prior art of record. However, an updated search must be performed before the claims can be considered to be allowable. Also, claims 24 and 43-44 were briefly discussed, with respect to potential 112 2nd rejections. The applicant expressed a desire to claim "short range", but this term presents difficulty since it represents a relative term, and is not a term of the art. There is no way to ascertain what a short range actually encompasses. The applicant had attempted to claim a range for "short term", but this appears to represent new matter, as this was not part of the original specification. Also, the term "Bluetooth" in the claims may raise a problem as this standard may evolve over time and may allow the applicant to have a feature that is not properly defined. Bluetooth of today may not be the same as Bluetooth of tomorrow. The attorney of record was informed that these other concerns would be addressed at the time of the response to the amendment filed on 1/18/2008, and that the examiner would contact the attorney of record, in person, so that these further concerns could be quickly addressed and possibly remedied before processing any further action..

x RDH


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